# Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS) Requirements

### **Time Frame for Submitting Exhibits**

All files must be submitted based on the deadline set by the presiding Judge or CRD associated with your case. Your timelines in submitting these files will assist the Court in preparing for the trial. Exhibits submitted that do not meet the Court's requirements will be returned for correction.

#### **How to Submit Electronic Files**

All files must be uploaded to the Box.com links provided by the Courtroom Deputy. Do *not* submit place holders or slipsheets to Box.com, these are not exhibits.

#### **Requirements for Exhibit File Types**

All electronic evidence must be provided using the following formats:

- Documents and Photographs: .pdf, .jpg, .bmp, .tif, .gif
- Video and Audio Recordings: .avi, .wmv, .mpg, .mp3, .mp4, .wma, .wav, .3gpp

**VERY Important:** 

The individual file size of **documents (pdf)** should not exceed **50 MB**.

The individual file size of **audio** and **video** should not exceed 500 MB.

If possible, exhibits approaching or exceeding this size limit should be separated into multiple files. PDF documents can often be reduced significantly in size by using tools such as Adobe's "Reduce File Size" feature. Images can be significantly reduced in file size by lowering its resolution or dimensions, usually with minimal affect to viewing quality.

# **Naming Your Files**

All file names **MUST** be named using the following naming convention. Not using this exact naming convention will cause problems in our office when uploading your exhibit files. The file name begins with the exhibit number, followed by an underscore to designate that the remaining text of the file name is the description of the exhibit.





Note: An underscore MUST be placed between the exhibit number and exhibit description. DO NOT use an underscore anywhere else in the exhibit file name.

#### **SUB EXHIBIT**

Exhibit Number(dash)Sub Letter(Underscore)Exhibit Description(.)File Extension

Example: 1-A\_Photograph of Gun Marked Up.pdf

**Note:** For Sub Exhibits, place a dash between exhibit number and sub letter. The underscore is then placed after the sub letter.

## **Examples of Valid Exhibit File Names:**

Exhibit	Exhibit File Name
1.Photograph	1_Photograph.jpg
1.A.Photograph – Marked Up	1-A_Photograph Marked.jpg
2.2009 Tax Return	2_2009 Tax Return.pdf
2.A. Schedule F	2-A_Schedule F.pdf
2.A1. Schedule F Marked Up	2-A1_Schedule F Marked Up.pdf
2.A2. Schedule F Revised	2-A2_Schedule F Revised.pd
2.B. Schedule H	2-B_Schedule H.pdf
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3.Camera Footage	3_Camera Footage.wmv

# JERS Orders Exhibits in the following manner

Exhibit #	Part
1	
1	A1
1	A2
1	AA1
1	AA2
1	AAA1
1	AAA2
1	B1
1	B2

## **Identifying Your Exhibits**

The exhibit number needs to be clearly displayed on the **first page** of each exhibit.

i.e. "P 1" or "Plaintiff Exhibit 1" appended on the bottom right hand corner, either typed or written on the following label:



Exhibits

Important

i.e. "D 1" or "Defendant Exhibit 1" appended on the bottom right hand corner, either typed or written on the following label:

Defendant's

i.e. "G 1" or "Government Exhibit 1" appended on the bottom right hand corner, either typed or written on the following label:



i.e. "J 1" or "Joint Exhibit 1" appended on the bottom right hand corner, either typed or written on the following label:

Joint Exhibits

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Below is an example from a previous criminal case of what the JERS program will display on the screen regarding naming and splitting exhibits:

Exhibit	Description
Gov-1-a	photo of gun
Gov-1-b	photo of gun with dl and cc
Gov-1-c	firearm with tape
Gov-1-d	photo of bullets
<u>Gov-1-e</u>	photo of bullets
Gov-2-a	photo of blunt
<u>Gov-3-a</u>	photo of DL
Gov-4-a	photo of CC
Gov-5	stipulation of evidence
Gov-6	photos of Jail Call CDs
Gov-6-a	Business Record Affidavit
Gov-6-aa	aa- 174 - 320 - 330
Gov-6-b	b-3 - 240 - 250
<u>Gov-6-c</u>	c-6 0433-0510

In file names, please do not use special characters. Special characters include the following characters: #&\*():;""+=@, and other characters that are not letters or numbers.

Below are examples of files that the JERS system will not accept:

9\_US patent #123,456,789 - JERS will not accept # or commas 10\_License & Market Share - JERS will not accept & sign 11\_YTD Earnings (2021) - JERS will not accept ()